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You are right in feeling a little fear at the greatness of the task, and the possible difficulties. You will certainly meet great difficulties, and heartbreaking opposition and disappointment in many ways. You may in fact even be deprived of tasting the full fruit of success. But if you simply forget about the results and do the work with all your heart because it is pleasing to God and for the benefit of your brothers, and if you take that as reward enough in this life, you will achieve far more than you could ever hope……

by

Thomas Merton

I would like to thank you all for making Easter

 such a spiritual and joyous event.

My gratitude for your Easter Cards and gifts.

Fr Voy

**Sunday 16th April 2023**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

‘Jesus, I trust in you.’

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**OCTAVE OF EASTER**

Sat 15th 10:00 Sarah Pearce (Anniv).

 18:00 Parishioners

Sun 16th ***2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER***

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| **Divine Mercy Sunday** |
| **9am**  | **Arokiasamy family** |
| **11am** | **Lynsey de Paul R.I.P.** |
| **Divine Mercy Service and Mass** |
| **1:30pm** | **‘St Faustina’ documentary** |
| **13:30 – 2:55pm** | **Confessions** |
| **2:30pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (in silence)** |
| **3pm** | **Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Veneration of the Divine Mercy image.** **Divine Praises.** |
| **3:30pm** | **Mass** |

***Followed by refreshments in the hall.***

Mon 17th 09:15 Amon O’Brien R.I.P.

Tues 18th 09:15 P.J. Cassy

Wed 19th **CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED**

Thurs 20th 10:00 Holy Rood KS2 Easter

Family Mass.

Fri 21st ***St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor***

09:15 Joe Heraty R.I.P. (5th Anniv).

Sat 22nd 08:30 Confession/Exposition/Adoration

09:15 Joan Reidy (Month Anniv).

18:00 Michael Donnelly (3rd Anniv.) and deceased members of Donnelly & Keating family.

Sun 23rd ***3RD Sunday of Easter: St George’s Day***

09:00 – Gerry Cleary (wellbeing)

11:00 – Danielle & Philippe NG

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**THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH – 7TH MAY 2023**

To celebrate The Coronation of His Majesty The King, we are planning to hold a ‘Bring and Share’ meal at

St Helen’s after 11:00 Mass on Sunday 7th May 2023. It will be lovely for the community to come together to share friendship, food and fun! Thank you in advance for your support. More details will follow.

**REPOSITORY - First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion items are available after Sunday morning Masses from 09.45 – 10.45.

Cards, badges, bracelets, rosaries etc, available.

**ST HELEN’S 50–50 FUND**

A little reminder for those who haven’t yet joined but want to; membership is still open and forms are available from the hall lobby.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

This takes place on the second Saturday of every month, in the Parish Hall at 10.00 with Deacon Liam. If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please email the Parish Office watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

**PARISH GROUPS - ST HELEN’S**

If you enjoy a game of bingo, our bingo club meets every Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm in the parish hall. Everyone welcome.

Our tea and coffee club takes place every Thursday (in the parish hall), following 10:00 Mass. Please come along for this sociable get-together. All are welcome.

**FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENT – Please note date.**

01/07/2023: Summer Fayre

**A DAY WITH MARY -** **Saturday 29th April 2023**,

This event takes place from 10:00 – 5:30pm, at

Our Lady & St Michael Church, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford. Please see poster for details.

Everyone welcome.

**ST HELEN’S SICK LIST**

If you know of anyone who can be removed from the Sick List, please email**watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk****. Thank you.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Data for Sunday 9th April 2023 will be**

**available next week.**

Standing Orders for February: £3,334.00

If you would like to set up a monthly

Standing Order, our bank details are:

**HSBC Bank: WRCDT Watford North**

Sort Code: **40-05-20** Account No: **81263439**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

anned Giving: £572.88p Loose Plate £303.29p

Standing Orders£1897.33.

**TIONS FOR**

**24th April: £**

***Planned Giving: £ Loose Plate: £***

***Our total income received in March for***

***Standing Orders: p***

***Standing Order figures:***

***April £1,917.33 May £2,022.33***

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**24th April: £**

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**CONTACTLESS DONATIONS**

We accept contactless donations with all major payment cards accepted. Just select your amount,

tap or insert your card to donate (not forgetting to Gift Aid!) It’s a fast and easy way to donate.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

#### Diary Dates:

**Friday 21 April 2023 and 19 May 2023, 11:45-14:00.** West Herts College - the ‘Forget me not’ dining experience. The restaurant offers those living with dementia and their carers a relaxed dining experience, allowing them to enjoy eating out without stigma or exclusion. For reservations call 01923 812464 or email reservations@westherts.ac.uk  - upcoming dates.

**14th May 2023 at 3pm – Annual May Procession**

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden at 3pm on Sunday 14th May. The preacher will be Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament.

Did you know.......

That in some parts of the world, the Catholic Church provides the only healthcare, education and social services available to people.

Thought for the week: (by Albert Einstein)

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvellous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.